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Dear Ms. Best:

On 16 May 2019, the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator received your 16 May 2019 correspondence requesting records under the Freedom of Information Act. This is a quick acknowledgement to advise you that we received your request. Specifically, your request is for records, reports, emails, memos, and other documents mentioning or relating to the Network Crack Program Hacker Group, a Chinese hacker group based out of Zigong in Sichuan Province. iDefense linked the GinWui rootkit, developed by their leader Wicked Rose with attacks on the US Department of Defense in May and June 2006. Your request was assigned the reference number above. Please use this number when corresponding so that we can identify it easily.

Our officers will review and process your request in more detail and will only communicate to you if they should encounter any problems or if they cannot begin the search without additional information or clarification. We will search for CIA-originated records up to and including the date the Agency starts its search.

Sincerely,

Mark Lilly

Information and Privacy Coordinator